

## PRESIDENT'S WIDOW IN WAR WORK

Mrs. Thos. J. Preston, Jr. (Formerly Mrs. Grover Cleveland)  
Active Secretary of Security  
League Committee.

Mrs. Thomas J. Preston, Jr. (formerly Mrs. Grover Cleveland), who was recently elected a member of the Executive Committee of the National Security League, the first woman to be so honored, has joined the executive staff of the league as secretary of the Committee on Patriotism Through Education, through which the league is promoting a campaign throughout the country to awaken the people to a realization of the true



MRS. THOMAS J. PRESTON, JR.

meanings of the war and the necessity for its efficient and aggressive prosecution.

Mrs. Preston is at her desk in the new offices of the Security League, 19 West Forty-fourth street, New York city, daily, conducting the voluminous correspondence connected with the work of her committee, which now extends into every state in the Union.

In accepting the secretaryship, Mrs. Preston wrote Dr. Robert M. McElroy: "I am happy in accepting this opportunity to work with the league. I can think of no way in which I could more surely contribute my share to the present needs of our country than by joining in the very important work which your bureau has undertaken."

### JUNGLE LAW.

(Contributed by ROBERT HER-  
RICK to the National Security  
League's campaign of Patriotism  
Through Education.)

Returning from Europe, cursed with war, I was more convinced than of anything else in life that what is being slowly settled in that grim trench land over there DOES mean something to us—more, oh, so much more, than money or legal rights or sympathy for bleeding humanity. Not that I am especially apprehensive of a raid on these United States, the crumbling of our skyscrapers, with the exaction of colossal indemnities. That, too, of course, might happen if German arms were triumphant, if the pax Germanica were imposed upon a beaten world.

But that is not to me the worst. To me the German peril does not lie so much in her big guns, her submarines, her "Prussianized war machine." It lies in herself, in her image of the world. If Germany could win even a partial victory under her monstrous creed of applied materialism, illuminated as it has been by every sort of cynical crime, with its reasoned defiance of contract, its principle of "indispensable severities," its military logic, etc., THAT must become the moral law of all the world—the jungle law! In order to survive we must all accept this law of the jungle. And of all the prostrate peoples of the world forced to accept the victor's new version of the ancient commandments proud America would be the first. We cannot resist the fascination of success.

the German ideal, the German manny over the individual, the German morality—one rule for you and for these individuals and another utterly responsible rule when we get together as a state—would be imitated by us more than the German thoroughness in civil and military organization.

## NATIONAL MOVE FOR PHYSICAL REGENERATION

Started by National Security  
League Through Committee  
Headed by Walter Camp.

Impressed by the fact that 29 per cent. of the young men called to the colors in the draft are being rejected for physical disability, the National Security League has started a nationwide movement to promote the physical welfare of the youth of the land through the organization by communities of branches of a Committee on Physical Reserve, of which Walter Camp, veteran trainer of athletes, is chairman. In answer to a letter sent by the league to the mayors of all the cities in the country of over 5,000 population asking them to appoint committees to co-operate with Mr. Camp, 200 committees in 30 states have already been appointed to carry out the idea. Associated with Mr. Camp on the Committee on Physical Reserve are William G. Anderson, member of the Advisory Committee of Yale University Gymnasium, and Joseph E. Raycroft, member of the War and Navy Departments Commission on Training Camp Activities.

### "Economic Disaster."

In discussing this new effort of the Security League, S. Stanwood Menken, president of the league, said:

"The National Security League has taken up this work because the country cannot afford without serious economic disaster to lose the benefit of the service of nearly one-third of the men who are drafted for military duty because of physical unfitness and whose places must be taken by those who have dependents. The draft figures show that 29 per cent. of the men are physically unfit. The work is necessary, as, with the strain upon American brain, it is essential that public attention be focussed upon the need of paying also due regard to physical safety. The efficiency of the human engine and the ability of the man-power of the nation to withstand attrition, and the extra work that the men who are doing things have to bear at present, makes it important that these men should recognize the part that physical exercise plays in their ability to bear their full load of work.

### Life Worth \$11,000.

"Furthermore, with the difficulty in supplying a full quota of labor for industries, it is necessary that the man-power of the nation should be increased by the maximum measure of physical strength. Every individual has a direct interest in seeing that this result is brought about. As an economic matter, each life is estimated to be worth to the nation \$11,000 and we cannot afford to waste any part of this most valuable national asset. As a human matter we cannot as a Christian people, supposedly representing the highest intelligence and civilization, allow our people to neglect the simple things which would save them if fully understood.

"The work which Mr. Camp has undertaken is a movement of such nationwide importance and so manifestly needed that its mere presentation will commend it to every thoughtful American."

### "Thoroughly Agree."

Some of the underscribes of the Security League idea in organizing this nationwide campaign for physical regeneration read:

Mayor Connell of Scranton, Pa., "I thoroughly agree with you as to taking care of our young men physically and morally, and I am pleased to co-operate with you."

Mayor Rasmussen of Fairport Harbor, O., "Anything that will promote the welfare and manhood of our young men throughout these United States has my full sympathy."

Mayor Hinckle of Pinckneyville, Ill., "I am very much in favor of this movement."

Mayor Hickman of Altus, Okla., "I assure you that I look upon the number of young men rejected in the draft for physical disability with grave concern, and it is gratifying to me to know that steps are being taken to remedy this condition of affairs."

Mayor Bardine of Juniata, Pa., "We are ready to work hand in hand with any object that is for the upbuilding of our town and will make it a better place in which to live."

Mayor Barron, Eau Claire, Wis., "I am very much interested in the successful operation of your plan."

## NATIONAL PATRIOTIC EDUCATION FACULTY

Organized by Security League  
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A National Patriotic Education Faculty, composed of eminent professors released on full pay by their colleges and universities, who will tour all parts of the country doing promotion work in connection with the National Security League's great campaign of Patriotism Through Education, is being organized by Dr. Robert M. McElroy, educational director of the league. On this faculty already are: Dr. W. T. Hall of Princeton, Prof. W. B. Munro and W. H. Schofield of Harvard, Dr. Franklin H. Giddings of Columbia, Prof. C. H. Van Tyne of the University of Michigan, Miss Eria V. Leighton, vocational instructor in the Passaic, N. J., public schools, and Prof. Charles Libbey of the University of Colorado.

Leland Stanford University, the University of Oregon, and Hamilton and Williams Colleges have also promised to assign a man to participate in this work, and other additions to the "faculty" will be made in the near future.

### WHAT GERMAN VICTORY WOULD MEAN.

(Contributed by ARTHUR TRAIN to the National Security League's campaign of Patriotism Through Education.)

A German victory—or an inconclusive peace—would mean the ultimate realization of the German idea that Germany for the good of the world must rule the world. This has been taught in her universities as philosophy and in her pulpits as religion. The German nation unquestioningly accepts it and intends to force the rest of the world to accept it. This they call "Kultur," which they claim is "above morality, reason and science."

Kultur teaches that there is only one sort of right—that of the stronger. It argues with specious profundity that in the relations of nations with one another there can be no such thing as truth or honor. Frederick the Great taught that the Germans must make it their "study to deceive others in order to get the better of them." Frederick William IV, 70 years ago said that all written constitutions were only "scraps of paper," and Bethmann-Hollweg in 1914 referred to The Hague convention in the identical words. The "scrap of paper" idea is an old one in German diplomacy.

The Germans believe themselves to be a nation of supermen and the Kaiser the war partner—not of the God of humanity, but the "guter alter Gott" of the Pagan North—the War God—who revels in the shrieks of women and the torture of children, in bloodshed and cruelty. "I am his sword, his agent!" declares William Hohenzollern. "Let all the enemies of the German people perish! God demands their destruction—God, who by my mouth bids you do his will!"

To accomplish this "divine" will the German military authorities believe that any means are justifiable—the mowing down of crowds of helpless civilians with machine guns, the cutting off of the breasts of women, the battering in of the skulls of the wounded with rifle butts. "Be as terrible as Attila's Huns!" ordered the Kaiser. "It is better to let a hundred women belonging to the enemy die of hunger than to let a single German soldier suffer." "All prisoners are to be put to death," ordered General Stenger in Belgium. "Writes a Bavarian private: "During the battle of Budonwiller I did away with four women and seven young girls in five minutes. The captain had told me to shoot these French sows, but I preferred to run my bayonet through them."

This is the concrete result of what the Germans call "The Religion of Valor" and "The Gospel of Hate." Says one of their spokesmen: "Must Kultur build its cathedrals on hills of corpses, seas of tears and the death rattle of the vanquished? Yes, it must."

If Germany wins the war the United States will either be paying tribute to the Kaiser or German soldiers will be bayonetting American girls and women in Jersey City rather than take the trouble to shoot them.

If Germany wins all our ideals of truth, justice and humanity—which we call Christian—will be trodden down into bloody mire under the iron heel of the Kaiser's armies, and the coming generation will be taught that there is no God but the merciless God of Battle, who speaks through Germany's treacherous tongue and by her brutal sword.

Arthur Train

1. Mann in the "Neue Rundschau" November, 1914.  
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4. Speech from the throne, April 11, 1847.  
5. Proclamation of the Army of the East, 1914.  
6. The Kaiser's speech to the Chinese Expeditionary force, July 27, 1900.  
7. General von der Goitz, "Ten Iron Commandments of the German soldiers."  
8. Orders of the Day, Aug. 26, 1914.  
9. Johann Wenger, Peronne, March 16, 1918.  
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## IDEALISM REAL BASIS OF WAR ON GERMANY

Says Dr. McElroy, Educational  
Director of National Se-  
curity League.

By DR. ROBERT M. McELROY,  
Educational Director of the National  
Security League.

Why does America fight Germany? Our ideals are threatened with destruction, and we must fight to maintain them. We are fighting for the fundamental thoughts, the dreams, the ideals, the aspirations, which today are seething in the vast polyglot community which we call the United States of America. That is what we are fighting for, we Americans, whether of English blood, of French or Italian or Russian or Spanish blood.



Dr. R. M. McElroy

What have we in common to cause us to rise at the call of a common impulse and prepare to die for a common cause? It would be easy to formulate the characteristic dreams of the Russian, the Italian, the Belgian, the Scotch, the Irish or the Portuguese. It would be possible to catch the gleam of idealism which has given to the French the glorious title of the "Hero Nation." But none of these would suffice. We must take a cross section of all of them, and a dozen more, to formulate the ideals which course in common through them all after they have been united into what we call America. For it is common ideals which have transformed the men and women of all these races and kindreds and tongues into our nation, which stands today facing the grim fact of war, a war to which no man dare call them in the name of race, or language, or previous allegiance.

### World Citizenship.

The President has placed our intervention in this war upon a plane of idealism to which every citizen, of whatever race, may rally without losing hold upon the best traditions of the land from which his forefathers have come. It is not the call of a narrow nationalism, but the call of world citizenship.

Our entrance into this war is no concession to the accursed gospel of force and fraud. We wish nothing for ourselves, but have resolved (to quote the oft quoted words of our President) that "the world must be made safe for democracy—and its peace—planned upon the trusted basis of political liberty." We scorn the idea that "might is right," but we are willing to take our part in policing the world against the madmen who act upon that doctrine.

### "How High Your Ideals?"

History will not ask us or any other nation, "How big was your army?" but "How high were your ideals?" Not "How vast your navy?" but "What was your devotion to duty?" Not "How quickly could you mobilize?" but "What thought have you contributed toward the betterment of mankind?" To those questions Germany can answer, "I contributed to the world the idea of representation," for, as Montesquieu tells us, the representative idea was "born in the forests of Germany." She will have to confess, however, that she cast it out, a naked infant, in order to make room for the throne of the great, black idol, military power, and today America and her allies are marching in resistless columns, carrying that founding back to its home.

### WHAT THE VICTORY OR DEFEAT OF GERMANY MEANS TO EVERY AMERICAN.

(Contributed by PRINCE and PRINCESS PIERRE TROUBETZKOY to the National Security League's campaign of Patriotism Through Education.)

What the German government means by a "place in the sun" is the extermination of the peoples whose soil it covets so that Germans may replace those that have been exterminated.

The systematic destruction of civilians in Belgium, northern France, Poland, Serbia, and the actual enslavement of the survivors proves it—the frequently boasted German "policy of blood and iron" and the "Hymn of Hate," which has become a national hymn, proclaims it.

From the rudimental condition of ancient barbarism, a spiritual development was possible; from the accomplished inhumanity of Prussianism, a more rigid inhumanity only is possible.

A German victory would mean the blight of what we call civilization and the elimination of what we believe divine in man. What we believe in, what we cherish, what we are, would be annihilated by the essence of Prussianism; our world would be destroyed by Prussic acid.

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